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A method and apparatus for repairing the femur. A connector is provided having a claw-like member to engage with the greater trochanter. Along the body of the connector are a plurality of cable apertures and cable screws to receive and engage with cables that loop around the femur. Along the inferior end of the connector are bone screw slots and bone screws engaging the connector with the femur. The bone screws provide added support to the re-attached greater trochanter and provide support for periprosthetic fractures. The connector may be used to re-attach the greater trochanter by impacting a connector onto the greater trochanter, positioning the greater trochanter onto the femur, passing cables around the femur and through the connector, tensioning the cables to provide engagement between the greater trochanter and the femur, and attaching the connector to the femur using at least one bone screw.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 18 and 34.

Please amend claims 16 and 32 as follows:

16. **(Amended)** An apparatus for repairing a hip comprising in combination:

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- (A) a connector having a superior end and an inferior end, a lateral side, a medial side opposite the lateral side, an anterior side, and a posterior side opposing the anterior side;
  - (B) at least one cable aperture along the connector;
  - (C) at least one cable aperture or surface groove along the superior end; and
  - (D) at least one claw member at the superior end.

32. **(Amended)** A system for repairing a femur comprising in combination:

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- (A) a connector having a superior end and an inferior end, a lateral side, a medial side opposite the lateral side, an anterior side and a posterior side opposite the anterior side;
  - (B) a driver slot along the lateral side of the superior end;
  - (C) a transition portion in the connector between the inferior end and the superior end